

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please cancel the first substitute specification and replace therewith the enclosed new second substitute specification. This new second substitute specification corrects a point of confusion resulting from the translator's choice of words for certain terms in the German priority document and clarifies the description of the invention by replacing the word "stretching" and its derivatives with the word "drafting" and its derivatives. Stretching and the word drawing in the textile art have two meanings in relation to the production of two different types of yarn. The first meaning relates to the process of attenuating or increasing the length per unit weight of naps, slivers, slubbings, rovings, or other fiber structures that are made of staple fibers. The second meaning relates to the hot or cold stretching of continuous filament yarn or tow to align and arrange the crystalline structure of the molecules within the filament yarn or tow to achieve improved tensile properties. The current invention relates to the first definition of stretching and drawing which is a process of attenuating or increasing the length per unit weight of naps, slivers or fiber bands (fibers bands and sliver are synonomous), slubbings, rovings or other fiber structures by moving fibers within each respective structure relative to other fibers.

To eliminate confusion between the two definitions of stretching and drawing, Applicant is changing the word "stretching" and its derivatives to the word "drafting" and its derivatives. The word drafting is synonymous with drawing and stretching based on the first definition of the process of increasing the length per unit weight of fiber structures by moving the fibers relative to the other associated fibers. Drafting does not connote any meaning relating to the hot or cold stretching of continuous filament yarns or tow to align or arrange the crystalline structure of the molecules within the filament yarn or tow to achieve improved tensile properties. Therefore, by substituting the word "drafting" and its derivatives for "stretching" and its derivatives, Applicant thereby clarifies the description of the invention. The new second substitute specification corrects these matters, addresses other inconsistencies within the specification, and will greatly facilitate prosecution of the application. Applicant submits that no new matter is injected into the application by way of this new second substitute specification. A

marked up copy of the old substitute specification is enclosed for the Examiner's reference.